

1/28/88

Ed. Masuoka
15902 Sherwood Ave.
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Dear Ed.

Enclosed is your article. I started to edit it but then remembered that a person who writes should do his own editing.

There is nothing that I can add to the article. I do believe that there have been some errors in reporting the B Variety of 1794. This is due to the fact that Breen uses different A+B Designations from Mead's Numbers.

Cohen

Breen

Synthetic Phob

1 A

1 A

1 B

1 B

2 A

2 B

2 B

2 A

3 A

5 B

3 B

5 A

4 A

6 B

4 B

6 A

5 A

3 B

5 B

3 A

6 A

4 B

6 B

4 A

The conclusion Census is close enough. I see no reason to make any substantial changes.

The slides are ready for you to pick up. Drop by on a Saturday or I'll be here.

Sorry I haven't been more responsive but that New Fox law is a Nightmare Bogle

January 22, 1988

Dear Roger,

I know you are very busy this time of year
but I was hopeful you would have a few minutes
to review this enclosed draft of an article for
the March issue of Penny-Wise. In the event
that you have the time, I have enclosed a
SASE you can use to return the article. The
article can probably stand a lot of changes and
I would appreciate any suggestions you can make.

Ed Marsh

P.S. Regarding your half cent slides if it is OK I
would like to stop by sometime and pick them up

from your secretary. I can get them copied and
returned to you within a couple of days. Thanks
again for taking the time to talk with me in December.

August 9, 1988

Ed Masuoka
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Roger Cohen
4701 Sangamore Road
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Roger;

Enclosed is the latest copy of the half cent survey. I have included coins from the Ryder, Anderson-Dupont and Norweb auctions and the Brobston fixed price list. The grades for coins in each of these sales are as reported in the catalogs. I have made no attempt to eliminate duplicate coins from these collections so the summary statistics are a little off. In the September mailing of the survey only collections reported to me by survey participants will be listed. I just thought you might be interested in seeing how the Cohen collection stacked up when compared with some classic half cent sales.

If you have the time, I would like to get a listing of your second best coin for each variety. Since you collect die varieties, I imagine the next best coin for each variety in your collection is probably better than the best coin for each variety in most collections reported in the survey.

Based on what you told me about the half cent illustrated for the 1794 C6, i.e. that the coin is the 6b, is it correct to strike through the ALVORD designation under the photograph? As far as I can tell the ALVORD coin and this coin are not one and the same, though Bill Weber owns or owned both.

I would still like to get together with you some time at your convenience to purchase some of the half cents in your duplicate box. We had discussed an 1805 C3 and 1804 C1. I would also like to add the 1808 C3 if it is still available.. My schedule is completely open in August and September. You can either write me at the above address or call me on 286-7608 (work) or 498-3962 (home).

I saw Joe Kane at a Vienna, VA coin show this weekend. He said you have started work on your advanced half cents book. Let me know if there is something I can do to help.

I am returning your slides and a set of duplicates made from them. Two days after I had borrowed them from you my two year old daughter managed to get them out of a briefcase I had left on the dining room table. When I came into the room she was looking through the slides. She got fingerprints on three of the slides. Those slides still look OK when projected but you can see the fingerprints when you hold them up to the light. I tried KODAK negative cleaner and a lint free cloth with no luck. I didn't try anything else for fear of damaging the slides further. Please let me know what I can do to make this right.

COIN
PICTURED
IS 6B
FROM
LAWSON
SALE

Sometime in the future I would like to schedule you for a talk at one of our EAC meetings. We seem to get somewhere between ten and twenty members at these meetings. Lately it seems to be heading more and more toward the ten end of the scale. I figure if a well publicized Roger Cohen talk at a major show like the Baltimore winter show won't boost attendance at our meeting then nothing will. If you can think of anything else for me to try to boost attendance, your suggestion would be most welcome.

I'm glad to know you've recovered and I look forward to seeing you again.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ed Masuoka'.

Ed Masuoka
EAC 2422

FROM:

COHEN & SMITH, CHARTERED
Certified Public Accountants
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TO: ED MASUOKA
15902 SHERWOOD AVE.
LAUREL MD 20702

MESSAGE

- SUBJECT

SLIDES

DATE

8/17/88

WHEN DO I GET THEM
BACK

Rogers

SIGNED

Ecl Masuoka
15902 Sherwood Ave
Laurel, MD 20707

October 24, 1988

Dear Roger:

Enclosed is a check for \$100 for the first installment on the balance of \$300 I owe you for the 1795 5b half cent.

Steve Ellsworth sent in a survey update, which lists both a 1794 4a and 4b. I haven't been able to reach Steve to confirm that the 4b has large edge letters ^{but} ~~but~~ I'm going ahead and listing it in the survey.

At a coin show last weekend I saw a ~~mint~~ copy of the ~~first~~ first edition of your American Half Cents on sale for \$45. The dealer thought it was the latest edition available. He also had a Quarterman reprint of Penny Whimsy on sale for \$135. I thought you would be amused at how much your reference has appreciated in value in some quarters.

Ecl Masuoka (over)

10/27/88

Thanks Ed. Peace and Harmony
at Home is better than all the
Half Cents in the World.

You really should check out Stone
Glosswood 1794 4B — The Catalogue
his ^{1/2 CENTS} according to a listing by a person
who looks like Santa Claus, but who just
copied my list and made a few changes so
he could not be accused of Plagiarism. Thus
his A+B far edge letters follow a
consistent pattern A is far large edge letters
and B is far small edge letters. Not like Mine which
only had (in 1971) #1 + #2 and I selected the B to be
the unusual one. This Method of Mine is clearly unscientific
and should be repudiated by any person who collects Half Cents!
(See Post Sheet attached). Steve told me that the 4B he
^{earlier} reported was a Brown 6B which is the equivalent of my
#4a. He said he was going to correct it but apparently
he didn't. If he does have a 4B it's a new one.

The amazing Price for my 1st Edition is off set by the Person
who shot a stacks Auction who told me he paid 25¢ for
his copy of my first Edition. He bought it at a yard sale
and he said the book was addictive as he outbid
himself at the sale

Take Care
Roger

11/25/88

Edward Masuoka
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November 20, 1989

Roger;

I enjoyed reading both of your letters. I would have replied to them sooner but I'm afraid I have a lousy filing system (I just toss things on my desk at home and often important stuff gets buried for weeks).

I will check out Steve Ellsworth's 1794 4B. You are probably right that it isn't a C-4B. Normally I write individuals reporting rare varieties but in Steve's case his listing came in close to the time I was reading the survey for release and I wasn't able to get him on the phone. I'll probably put something in the January PW with corrections to the survey and a request for participants to keep me apprised of additions to their collection resulting from the Jack Robinson Sale.

Good 1057

We should before next list is put out.

Thanks for the update of your holdings and of CC1. I used a list from Frank Wilkinson to establish the grades for CC1. Any help you can give me to make it more accurate is appreciated.

File
JUST TAKE
TO REPOB
POSSIBLE ERRORS

Regarding the questions you raised about the 1794 6b listed in CC2, CC2 as I use it in the survey listing denotes the lowest grade in the CC. In the case of 1794 C6b, the highest and lowest grades are the same since there is only one coin. As you observe in your letter this can lead to confusion. Therefore, I will drop the 6b from the CC2 column in the next mailing to avoid giving the appearance that there is more than one known. I will also re-label CC1 and CC2, as CCT (CC top) and CCB (CC bottom), to avoid giving the reader the impression that CC2 is the second best coin in the CC.

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WE SHOULD DISCUSS
NEXT WEEK END I WILL BE AT
JOE KANE'S TABLE ON SATURDAY
OR FRIDAY PM. IF YOU LET ME
KNOW YOU WILL BE THERE THEN
NOT IN LETTER

OK OK!!
I'll BLAB

Rogler

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Ed Masuoka
Secretary, EAC Mid-Atlantic Chapter

11/9/88

Ed. Masnola
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Dear Ed,

Please Note the Following Changes in
My Collection. This of course is prompted by
your Survey..

- ① 1794 #6A I acquired a F-15. My
previous F-12 (PICTURED IN MY FIRST EDITION) IS
NOW OWNED BY RICK LEONARD.

- ② DETAILS OF SWAP WITH
GOLDEN STATE COLLECTOR

RSC	GOT FROM GSC
1794 #3B	CONDITION 6
1794 #5B	CONDITION 45
1794 #6B	CONDITION 15
1804 #1	CONDITION 55
1804 #8	CONDITION 55

GSC	GOT FROM RSC
1794 #3B	CONDITION 15
1804 #1	CONDITION 60
1804 #5	CONDITION 60
1804 #8	CONDITION 65

This Was Not an even Trade Some
Coin changed Hands:

- ③ at the Present time there is only 1-(ONE)
1794 #6B So I do Not See How a CC2
can exist for this Variety

- ④ The CC1 for 1794 #5B is the Water Coin
which was Traded as above. The Rating of
30 is due to my inclusion in my book of the Coin
at VF. Breen's Begrel book pictures the coin

and calls it VF. The Coin was called
Uncirculated at the Charles Jay Sale in 1967
when it was Not identified as a #5B but
rather GILBERT P.. I Grade the Coin at
VF-35 and suggest you change CC#1 and
My history.

⑤ There are a few places where My specimens
seem to exceed the CC as you recall it..

- (a) 1797 #38 the CC# should be 10
- (b) 1804 #13 the CC#1 should be 65
- (c) 1809 #1 change My specimen to 35

⑥ One more change. My 1795 #5B is
the Normal Specimen so it goes you
could call it 15 or 20

Sincerely

Rogers

Roger:

Thanks again for leading the discussion on possibilities of a new half cent reference work. A number of people came by after the meeting and told me how much they enjoyed the presentation. I think this meeting will go a long way to improving attendance at future CAC meetings as long as I can keep the ball rolling. At any rate, you certainly got things started with a bang.

I'm sending a copy of your price list to Rod Widole and Ken Seachman. Both collect and ~~sell~~ half cents and would be interested in seeing what you have to sell.

Ed Mason